

### IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification, paragraph 0027, as follows:

[0027] A further novel feature of the invention results from the arrangement of the staggered legs 24 and openings 23 in a complementary staggered pattern such that when one of the pallet sections is inverted and placed over another section as shown in Figures 8 and 9, legs 24 of each of the sections will fit within openings 23 of the other section. As seen in Figure 8, the thickness between the carton-engaging surfaces (and legs nested therein) of the two inverted pallet sections in facing relationship is not any greater than that of a single section. Thus additional rows of cartons 50 can be stacked above a first row. The inverted pallets protect cartons 50 below against being crushed by the weight of cartons stacked above. The edge flanges of outer sidewall 16 of each of the inverted pallet sections also lend stability to the stacked cartons. While single pallet sections are shown in Figure 8, it is understood that the same advantages are obtained in the case of assembled pallets.

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